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**United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Virginia
Alexandria Division**

In re:

Case No. 23-11261-BFK

Valeria V. Gunkova

Chapter 11

**Order Denying Approval of the Employment of
Jeffery T. Martin, Jr. as Attorney for the Debtor**

The application to approve the employment of Jeffery T. Martin, Jr. and The Martin Law Group, P.C., as attorney for the Debtor, came before the Court, for hearing, on September 12, 2023. Docket No. 16.

The Acting United States Trustee filed an objection to the application. Docket No. 26.

For reasons stated from the bench, the Court finds that Jeffery T. Martin, Jr. and The Martin Law Group, P.C., are not “disinterested persons” as required by Section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Ordered:

1. The employment application is denied.
2. The clerk shall serve a copy of this order on the parties listed below.

Sep 15 2023

/s/ Brian F Kenney

BRIAN F. KENNEY
Bankruptcy Judge

Entered On Docket: September 18, 2023

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on the 14th day of September, 2023, I e-mailed a true copy of this order to the attorneys listed above.

/s/ Jack Frankel